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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

As a part of regular activities, the Administration Department undertook duties related to preparation of ID card and visiting card of offices and staff of the Society, duty roster of Anser and Security Guard, circulation of various office orders and circulars, absentees statement to Finance Department, submission of the of electricity, Robi, telephone, and newspaper bills to the Finance Department for payment and ensuring the cleanliness of the NHQ on a regular basis. Apart from these, the National Mourning Day, 15 August observed where staffs from all the departments were present.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ The National Mourning Day, 15 was observed

FUND RAISING DEPARTMENT

In this reporting period, the 3rd meeting of the Fund Raising Standing Committee was held on the 27th of August 2015 at board meeting room. The honourable Treasurer of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, chaired the meeting. The participants of the meeting discussed about the arrangement of the 'Prime Minister Fund Raising Dinner'15' and also other potential resource mobilization initiatives that can be taken by the BDRCS.

The department communicated with the telecom operator Robi and Airtel regarding the selling of 20th Red Crescent lottery tickets through SMS/M-Ticketing . As a part of regular activity initiatives was taken to procure ball pen.

Under the active endeavour of the Fund Raising Department, twenty five donation boxes placed across various locations in the country for fund collection which have been inspected to get the current status of the fund raising.

An amount of Taka 103615(One lac thirty six thousand and fifteen taka only) and taka 61480 (sixty one thousand four hundred and eighty taka only) was deposited in the Sonali Bank account by selling souvenir items and from the donation box.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Fund Raising Standing Committee was held
- ✦ An amount of 165095 taka was deposited in the Sonali Bank by selling souvenir items and donation box

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In August 2015, Primary Health Care (PHC) Program, which is focused on Mother and Child Health, provided services in Ante Natal Care (ANC), normal delivery, Postnatal Care (PNC), health education, general patient care, Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) and pathological facilities to the community people through 56 MCH (Maternal and Child Health) centres. 06 MCH Centres are implementing environment friendly and low smoke output stove distribution program in collaboration with GIZ (German International Cooperation). Networking of 25 MCH Centre was established and continued with an international organization which is working for club food children named 'Walk For Life'.

A project on Community Based Disaster Prevention and Health Activity, linked with Horinagor and Tentulia MCH Centers finance by JRCCN. 32 MCH centres got the blue star consent from Social Marketing Company (SMC). Apart from these regular monitoring and supervision conducted at MCH centres to provide quality service to the community people.

A total of 17962 mothers and children were covered in 27 districts through different services of MCH centres in August 2015. 1958, 552, 630, 1169, 1550, 1550, 1538, 1261 and 7754 community people were covered by providing antenatal care, normal delivery, postnatal care, pathology, family planning, health education, counseling, expanded program on immunization and general patient services. The following column chart represents the service specific population coverage through MCH centres across the country. A total of 17962 people received services during the reporting period.

DISASTER RESPONSE DEPARTMENT

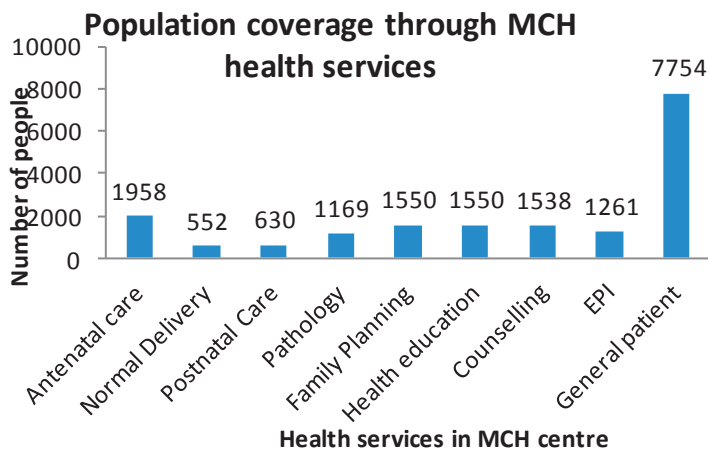
The department responded to a fire incident happens in Comilla district. A total of BDT 48,000 cash, 24 pieces of Sari, 24 piece Lungi and 24 pieces Hygiene Parcel (HP) boxes were distributed among 24 families affected by fire at Gobindopur under the Comilla City Corporation. Each family received BDT 2,000 cash, 1 pieces Sari, 1 piece Lungi and 1 piece HP box.

The Disaster Response Department provided support to Cyclone Komen Response Operation in South East districts. A total of BDT 9,000,000 Cash and 3,000 pieces Tarpaulin sheet were provided



Treated water distribution in Cyclone KOMEN Response.

among 3000 Households (HH) affected by Flash Flood and Cyclone Komen in 5 districts namely Cox's Bazar (1500 HH), Chittagong (500 HH), Bandarban (600 HH), Noakhali (250 HH) and Feni (150 HH). Each beneficiary received BDT 3,000 cash and 1 piece Tarpaulin sheet. The cash disbursement modality was 'Cash in Envelop' as Cash for food support for one month. Moreover 25,000 litres of treated drinking water and 10 pieces rapid latrines were given at Chokoria Upazila of Cox's Bazar in the community level. More than 200 families benefited from this Water and Sanitation program.



ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ 17962 people reached through different services of MCH Centres
- ✦ 06 MCH Centres implemented environment friendly stove
- ✦ 25 MCH Centres established network with an international organization named 'Walk for Life'

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Assisted 3000 Cyclone Komen affected families in South East districts
- ✦ Assisted 24 'Fire' affected families in Comilla district

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Planning and Development Department organized the planned 'Write Shop' on 11-13 August 2015 in Gazipur district. A total of 20 participants covering National Headquarters BDRCS and the Units. The key objective was to formulate the tool for 'Branch Organization Capacity Assessment' through combining the Branch Capacity Assessment and the Global BOCA tool. The Branch Capacity Assessment was conducted in BDRCS in 2012.

The PMER Section of the BDRCS conducted 'PMER Orientation' for the four Units i.e. Khulna City, Khulna Zila, Satkhira and Jessore Unit. A total of 20 participants covering Unit Level Officer (ULO) and volunteers attended the two day event in Khulna. The basic issues regarding planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting were shared with the participants. Different group exercises were scheduled for the further understanding of the participants during various sessions of the orientation.

Besides, realizing the effectiveness of social media in the field of communication and development, PMER Section has created a page on Facebook. The key objective is to exchange ideas, lesson learned and communicating various contemporary resources (e.g. reports, templates, guidelines etc.) with participants who received PMER Orientation.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Conducted Write Shop with BOCA Participants
- ✦ Conducted PMER Orientation for the Unit volunteers and the ULOs
- ✦ Created a Facebook page on 'PMER'

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

In August 2015, introductory training course on First Aid was organized for employees of Bayer Crop Science Ltd by the department. A total of 18 participants were attended the training where 16 were male and 2 were female. The objective of the training was to orient and inform about First Aid by short practicing.

Seven basic and 3 refresher training courses on First Aid were organized commercially where 165 male and 45 female attendees. The main objective of the training is to provide first aid knowledge and as well as earn money for the revenue.

Different types of participants like professionals of Bangladesh jail, student leader of Chittagong, volunteers of Islamic Relief, RCY volunteers of Khagrachori RC Unit, employees of scholastic a school and GIZ.

Besides these, 01 training and 02 refreshers on Search and Rescue were conducted by the Training Department. Volunteers of Islamic Relief and RCY volunteers of Rajshahi Unit attended the training in August 2015. A total of 69 participants attended the training where 55 were male and 14 were female.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ 07 basic and 3 refresher training conducted by the Training Department
- ✦ 01 training and 02 refresher on Search and Rescue training organized by the department

RESTORING FAMILY LINK DEPARTMENT

The Restoring Family Link (RFL) Department exchanged 34 Red Crescent Messages (RCMs) to Bangladeshi Nationals. One RCM received from Baabda prison of Lebanon and sent to Hobigonj and 1 collected from Kishorgong and sent to Iraq for delivery. A total of 31 RCMs reply collected from Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Sirajgonj, Naogaon, Bandarban, Shariatpur, Bogara and Pabna district and sent to Sittwe, Buthigaung & Mandalay Prisons in Myanmar for transmission. One reply collected from Chittagong and sent to Bagerhat Jail for delivery. This initiative has contributed towards reducing anguish of the families of detainees by re-established contact. However, the challenge was to reach to the specific location due to having sudden flood.

The Department received 26 family notifications from Thailand and Malaysia. Among these, 21 notifications disseminated to different districts (i.e. Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Norshingdhi, Chittagong and Bandarban, Shariatpur, Jenaidha, Magura, Sunamgonj & Shirajgonj) of Bangladesh with the support of respective Units and ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross). The challenge was 5 mobile numbers were wrong, so that the Department could not reach those families.

A total of 7 training request received from different places (i.e. 1 request received from Netherland, 1 from Germany, 2 from British, 2 from Australia and 1 from Lebanon) and sent to Dhaka Zilla, Rajbari, Sylhet, Narayangonj, Satkhira and Cox's Bazar Units for identifying the specific locations. However the challenge was to reach all the places due to heavy rain.

During the reporting month, 499 Bangladeshi migrants returned home from Myanmar, Indonesia & Malaysia. Specifically, 6 Bangladeshi nationals came from Malaysia, 334 came from Indonesia by air and 159 came from Myanmar by land through Gundum check post in Cox'bazar. All are rescued from the Sea. The Department provided mobile services to 464 persons and first aid and medical services to 141 migrants. There were all together 78 minors. BDRCS reunited 68 minor migrants to their families in different districts through staffs and volunteers with the support of the ICRC and 10 minors reunited by associates.



Hygiene Kits notification and collection of notification from Bagerhat Jail

In Bagerhat Jail, hygiene kits distributed among 79 Indian fishermen detainees on 12 Aug 2015. Representative from the RFL Department Mr. A K M Mohsin, Asst Director, RFL department distributed the assistance in cooperation with Bagerhat Red Crescent Unit. He also visited Jessore Juvenile Centre for distribution the hygiene kits and to collect information for an out pass for his repatriation.

An Indian minor detained in the Jessore Juvenile Centre. RFL department was working for his repatriation in cooperation with ICRC, Dhaka and Indian High Commission since May 2015 .

Finally Rana Khan repatriated to his Father Mr. Habil Khan on 24 August 2015 through Benapole Border. Representatives from NHQ BDRCS, ICRC, Jessore Unit, Jessore Juvenile and two volunteers from WB IRCS Branch were present during family reunification.

BDRCS team done one conference call in the Department with Mr. Sebastian Engstrom, Integration Specialist, Family Links Answers, ICRC, Geneve. The objective was to discuss on upcoming 2 week deployment programme for FL (Family Link) Answers in BDRCS.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Exchanged 34 RCMs to Bangladeshi Nationals
- ✦ RFL Department sent 21 notifications to various districts of Bangladesh
- ✦ The Department supported 499 Bangladeshi migrants to return
- ✦ Distributed 79 hygiene kits among the Indian fishermen detainees.

URBAN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (UDRR) PROGRAMME

In the reporting of August 2015, four meetings were held with the Slum Disaster Preparedness Committee (SDPC) members in Dhaka and Rangpur by the UDRR Program with the support of TRF project. A total of 100 participants attended the meeting.

A total of four bi-monthly sessions and three Unit Disaster Response Team (UDRT) meeting were held in Dhaka, Rangpur and Gazipur Unit and as well in the community where 60 UDRT member and 150 community people participated respectively. Five school based training on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) were held in Gazipur Unit with the support of SBDRR project. A total of 150 participants receive the training. Four mobile medical health camps were organized in Dhaka and Rangpur City. A total of 406 slum dwellers received medical services through the medical camp.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Four meetings with the Slum Disaster
- ✦ School Level Leadership training was held in Gazipur Unit
- ✦ 2 Mobile Medical Camps were held in Magbazar and Gandaria slum

UNIT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

In August 2015, a total of 66 Life Members have been enrolled in different Units and NHQ of BDRCS and they are now involved in RCRC Movement. The Unit Affairs Department collected shared money from these membership drives. A total of BDT 30,620 has been collected as shared money and audit report money from the Units and NHQ BDRCS. The Department issued life membership certificates in favour of 277 members, including 263 male and 41 female. Besides, five Units i.e. Jessore, Jinaidhah, Rajshahi City, Chandpur and Panchaghor are running without having Unit Level Officer (ULO), therefore Unit Affairs Department is trying to fill up positions along with the necessary coordination with BDRCS management.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Enrolled 66 Life Members
- ✦ Collected BDT 30620 as shared and audit report money from Units and NHQ BDRCS

VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE PROJECT

The courtyard discussion on disaster risk reduction (DRR) has been conducted with 2,307 participants (including 602 male and 1705 female) at the project communities in Patuakhali and Barguna Districts in August 2015. The key objectives were to build awareness on DRR issues at the community level, so that, they can respond during warning, evacuation, rescue and sheltering situation. Besides, the courtyard discussion sessions on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) has also been organized with 2939 participants including 631 male and 2308 female. The participants received awareness messages on safe water and latrine use, complemented by improved hygiene promotion.

In order to ensure access to safe water among V2R working communities, a total of 4 tube-wells have been rehabilitated and another 8 tube-wells' installation work is ongoing during the reporting period.

Follow up activities of peer education in program schools are significant to ensure that the DRR and WASH program have been implemented according to plan.

Meeting the objective, the project staff and volunteers conducted follow up of this activity and provided necessary feedbacks and made adjustments where needed. The process was peer educators, so that leanings travelled from teachers to students and students to families.

During the month of August 2015, the program schools in Patuakhali District conducted hygiene and hand wash demonstration among students under School Sanitation and Hygiene Education (SSHE) activities. A total of 1457 students, including 622 boys and 835 girls participated in the session. The school teachers reported that students have now been more aware about using safe water and sanitation practices.

Government's line departments (e.g. agriculture, livestock, fisheries, education, etc.) are the key stakeholders of this project. The involvement of government service departments in the project will bridge the gaps between government and communities. Keeping that view in mind, two workshops with fisheries and livestock departments at Upazilla levels were held with the representation of 19 and 17 participants respectively.

During the reporting month the four batches of refresher training for agriculture producer group at three upazillas of Barguna District with 107 members including 25 male and 82 female. The training aimed to inform the producer group members about updated information and viable technology. On the other hand, a total of 17 participants attended the refresher training on handicraft for its producer group members, aiming at strengthening the relevant knowledge and skills of the particular group.

In order to ensure 100% coverage of sanitary latrine in communities, the V2R project has planned to distribute additional ring & slabs with 398 sets of sanitary latrines in Patuakhali district, aiming at positive impact on environment, social, economic and health in entire communities.

During the reporting, a total of 450 micro groups in new 30 communities from V2R expansion project areas have been formed (Barguna, Patuakhali and Bhola District. More than 70% representative households were attended during the micro group formation at community levels. Besides, regular project monitoring with communication and coordination with key stakeholders was the integral part of the V2R project over the reporting month August 2015.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Conducted awareness raising session on DRR and WASH with 2307 and 2939 participants respectively.
- ✦ Project schools conducted hygiene and hand washing demonstration with 1457 students in Patuakhali
- ✦ Conducted refresher training for the producer group with 107 members
- ✦ Conducted training on handicraft with 17 participants
- ✦ Conducted two workshops with fishery and livestock department of Upazila Parishad
- ✦ Distributed 398 sets of sanitary latrines in Patuakhali district
- ✦ Formed 450 micro groups in 30 new communities

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

In August, 2015, the Department undertook various activities like appointment of 1 contractual staff, transfer of 2 Officer and 6 Staff, contract extension of 2 officers and 1 staff, annual increment to 22 officers and 10 staffs and provident fund to 1 staff.

ACHIEVEMENT

- ✦ Appointment, transfer, increment, contact extension, provident fund etc. of staffs of BDRCS was processed by the Department

An Update on 'GENDER ASSESMENT'

The Gender Working Committee (GWC) has initiated an assessment on Gender Mainstreaming in the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS). PMER staff is leading the assessment. As a part of the methodology, the data collection team conducted interviews with the BDRCS staff during the reporting month. Besides, a meeting was also held among the members of the GWC and PMER staff to discuss about the gender SWOT in coming month.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)

The Bangladesh Red Cross Society was constituted on 31 March, 1973 by the President's Order No.26 of 1973 with retrospective effect from the 16 December 1971. The Society was recognized by ICRC on 20 September, 1973 and admitted to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on 2 November, 1973. The name and emblem were changed from Red Cross to Red Crescent on 4th April 1988 vide Act 25 of 1988. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is ex-officio President of the Society. BDRCS is conducting different interventions covering five divisions, namely, Disaster Management, Health Services, Planning & Development, Central Support Services and Finance & Accounts through its 68 Unit/Branches across the country.

Vision

To become an effective and efficient humanitarian organization in Bangladesh by 'doing more' 'doing better' and 'reaching further'.

Mission

To prevent and reduce human sufferings and save lives of the vulnerable people.

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